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## PLEDGES FOR NON-COMBATANTS

Proposed by the President of  
the National Educational  
Association

RECOMMENDED BY  
PRES. STOCKTON

Pledges printed below were proposed for non-combatants by Pres. Eley of the University of Maine, who is also Pres. of the National Educational Association, at the recent exercises of the Drexel Institute in Philadelphia celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. Pres. Stockton who was present at the exercises presents these pledges to the students of this University as patriotic obligations for them to assume during the war now in progress.

As a non-combatant I propose to render service to my country and to her allies in the following way:

1. I will keep myself so well posted on the causes and progress of the world war that I may be a source of information and influence to others.
2. I appreciate so thoroughly the danger of internal enemies that I will report to the proper authorities the name and location of every native or alien citizen whose conduct or utterances indicate enmity to our country or lack of sympathy with our aims.
3. I will do all in my power to encourage increased production of food materials, both animal and vegetable.
4. I will cheerfully change my habits of eating so as to help conserve wheat, meat, animal fats, dairy products, and sugar.
5. I will assist in every possible way to make all succeeding Liberty Loans a success.
6. I will practice economy and deny myself luxuries so that I may contribute large sums to the various necessary war philanthropies.
7. I will help to stabilize public opinion by showing the reasonableness and necessity of the government's demands and the baselessness of the unfounded rumors relating to the war.
8. I will be a friend and comforter to the families of soldiers and minister to their needs in every possible way.
9. I will try to meet all the varied events of the war with patience, calmness and optimism.
10. I will work harder and more earnestly so that I may contribute my part to make up the loss due to the withdrawals from industry of large numbers of men for the army.

The topics presented by the speakers at the exercises were largely on the relation of the schools and colleges to the war. President Bruce Taylor of Queen's College of Canada, who has just returned to this country after serving as a Chaplain in one of the Canadian Contingents, and the President of Hobart College who has also been in Europe recently gave vivid and absorbing talks. Other prominent speakers were President Hibben of Princeton and the President of the University of Washington. The exercises were closed with the discussion of President Eley's pledges.

## CHEMISTS ORGANIZE

The George Washington University Chemical Society, most of whose officers are serving in the army, met last Wednesday night, October 24, at the Medical School to elect a new set of officers for the year. This meeting was preliminary to the usual opening meeting addressed by Dean Munroe, which will probably take place the second week in November. A big drive for Freshmen members is to be made before that time. If you are taking any Chemistry courses or are even interested in Chemistry, don't fail to get in touch with one of the following officers:

President W. A. Gersdorf; Vice-President Miss T. Karger; Secretary W. S. Brown; Treasurer Miss E. Paull; Press Agent H. H. Shinnick; Executive Committee Miss H. Miles, A. J. Mottern, W. A. Bailey.

## NEW OFFICE FOR HATCHET

Room in 2027 G St. to be  
Used by the Paper in  
Near Future

PRESENT OFFICE  
FOR CHERRY TREE

The Hatchet has been given the small room at the extreme back of 2027 G St., and will move there in the near future. The present office used by the Hatchet will be given over to the exclusive use of the Cherry Tree.

This is a welcome arrangement for the members of the staffs of both publications as there will now be a chance for them to work without disturbance of the members of the opposite publication. It also gives each paper more room for its files which is much needed.

The new office has been fixed up to the extent of a new metal ceiling and as soon as an electrician can be secured to extend the boxes so that the lights can be installed the Hatchet will move into its new quarters.

The only entrance to the new office will be at the back as the front door will be permanently closed so that the classes in the front of the building will not be disturbed by the going and coming of the members of the staff and the reporters. This office will be used only by those working for the paper and will not be a lounging room.

## JANDORFF TO HELP GROESBECK

Candidates Sending in Names  
—Great Chance for  
New Men

\$400 PLEDGED

It has been announced that Mr. Jandorff will help Bertram Groesbeck, this year's basket ball coach, to whip the candidates into shape to meet their opponents in the coming basket ball season. Mr. Jandorff was a star on the 1917 basket ball team at Cornell University and will undoubtedly be a valuable aid to the coach who will have his hands full from the first practice to the finish of the season.

Charles Allen, Student Manager, says that a lot of interest is being shown by the students and has already received the names of several who have announced that they are coming out for the team. Those who have given him their names are: Messrs. Heist, Thomas, Plagens, Preston, and Miller of the Law School and Messrs. White, Johnson, Herron, Binley, and Cruickshanks of the Arts and Sciences Department. The manager is now arranging for an interesting schedule among which many of the games will be with local teams and is also making arrangements for training quarters.

In speaking of the prospects for the year, Coach Groesbeck emphasized the fact that, with the absence of most of the old men, there will be plenty of opportunity for new men to win a place on the team and expressed the hope that plenty of good material will be present at the first call for candidates.

A very successful beginning for the season financially is the pledging of over \$400 by the Students in the different departments and the various organizations. This amount is over four times the amount requested by the Faculty Committee on Activities before basket ball could be re-established.

## ELECTION RETURNS COMING STEADILY

Voting Unusually Large in  
Medical School But Small  
in Other Depts.

KEBLER ELECTED

BY ELMER KAYSER

(Chairman, Election Committee.)

Elections for Council members in five departments were closed on Tuesday evening last. As the Hatchet goes to press final reports are just coming in to the chairman of election from the members of his committee supervising the election. The vote seems to have been unusually heavy in the Medical School, but very light in the other departments voting at this time.

The first complete returns were received from Columbian College, where Fenton Fadeley and Victor Kehler were the opposing candidates. Early in the election Kehler got such a great lead that only heroic steps on the part of Fadeley's supporters could have wrought a change in the final result. A rally in favor of Fadeley toward the end, however, gave a touch of pep to the closing of the campaign. It is a matter of great disappointment to the members of the committee that a contest between two men of the prominence of Fadeley and Kehler should not have brought out a much larger number of votes.

Miss Martha McGraw's report as representative of Columbian College was:

Fadeley	23
Kehler	61
Votes cast	84
Kehler's majority	38

Upon verification of this report, Mr. Kehler was declared elected by the chairman of the committee.

In the Medical School a much heavier vote was cast. Kreiselman, backed by several organizations, was able to get and retain the upper hand in the contest. Vail Minnick, in charge of the election, has not been able to make a final report on the election. The latest data available gives F. H. Myers twenty votes and Joseph Kreiselman seventy-five votes. Complete returns will be in within a day's time.

From the Law School, where Einar Dieserud is in charge and Van Waggoner and Brandes are the candidates, no report has yet been received. No forecast can be made as to the outcome, the chances of both of the candidates being apparently equal.

There is no report at hand yet from either Dental or Veterinary, owing to the great difficulty in getting the men, all of whom are night students, into the spirit of the election.

This present contest should cause more than a usual amount of interest. Almost half of the Council is to be filled at a time when, although the Council interests are less numerous than usual, its responsibilities are more diverse.

## IMPORTANT DEBATES BY COLUMBIANS

Resolved, That the Medical Department of the Army and Navy of the U. S. should take over the work at present done by the Red Cross," was the subject debated at the last meeting of the Columbian Debating Society held last Friday at the Law School.

The judges returned a unanimous decision in the favor of the affirmative maintained by Messrs. Wham, Lamb and Cornell. Messrs. Wham and Cornell were awarded first and second honors respectively.

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## KEEN COMPETITION FEATURES TOURNAMENT

Few Defaults Recorded—Five  
in Third Round

Bad weather and poor playing conditions do not seem to have lessened the enthusiasm of the contestants and the Tennis Tournament is rapidly nearing its close. Its outstanding features up to date are the small number of defaults and the closely contested match between E. C. Sanborn and John Sieniegowski in which the first set was won by Sanborn, the second by Sieniegowski and the third by Sanborn by a score of 7 to 5. Those in the matches have so disliked to default or win in that manner that there have only been six matches decided that way.

Five men have entered the third round and are eagerly waiting an opportunity to fight their way to the next. They are: Ballinger and Salant of Columbian College, Sanborn and Field of the Law School and English of the School of Engineering.

Many of the matches have been played on the Cleveland Park Tennis Club Courts which are very kindly loaned for the tournament.

The contestants have been unusually prompt in playing their matches at the appointed time. It is urged that those still having matches to play will be as prompt as the weather is rapidly growing colder and conditions for tennis are getting worse every day.

The third round will be over by tonight and the semi-finals must be finished on November 5.

## C. C. & ENG. FROSH ELECT OFFICERS

Boteler and Swem Presidents

The Freshman Classes of the A. & S. Department last Friday night in the A. & S. assembly hall elected officers for the year. The Columbian freshmen elected Charles M. Boteler, President; Lella Warren, Vice-President; Margaret Moran, Secretary; and George W. English, Treasurer. The Engineers elected Lee Allen Swemm, President; Helen Romhilt, Vice-President; Herbert Chamberlain, Secretary; and John A. DeMay, Treasurer.

Eugene Underwood, representing the Student Council, called the meeting to order and presided until the election of the President. Elmer L. Kayser, the secretary of the Student Council, welcomed the freshmen in behalf of the student body. He explained the work of the Council and told the freshmen that its members would be willing to help the class in all of their activities. All freshmen were urged to take an active interest in the coming election for new councilmen, who will be their representatives in University activities. Dean Wilbur welcomed the class on behalf of the Faculty and offered a few words of advice for students beginning their college career. George Nordlinger, the business manager of the Hatchet, urged all freshmen who had not already done so, to subscribe to the Hatchet and keep themselves posted on all that happens in the different departments of the University.

Following the speeches the Engineers withdrew to another room with Z. A. Biggs as presiding officer, to hold a separate election. The Columbian College freshmen then nominated Ross White, Henry Robey, and Charles M. Boteler for President, of whom the last was victorious. Lella Warren was unanimously elected Vice-President. George W. English beat out Harry Woodward for the Treasurer's office. "Peggie" Moran was unanimously elected Secretary.

Charlie Boteler intends to appoint committees on the Freshman Prom and the Freshman Smoker in the near future. These committees will confer with similar bodies from the Freshman classes in the other departments of the university and lay plans for their two big events.

## FRESHMEN VICTORS IN CLASS SCRAP

Large Crowd Watches Sophomores Receive Wetting—  
Time 14 Minutes

PHI SIG PLEDGES WIN

A crowd estimated at fully five hundred people, consisting of classmates, friends, relatives, and co-eds, saw nineteen Freshmen pull an equal number of Sophomores through a stream of cold water pouring from a regular fire hose, in the annual class tug-of-war, staged last Friday night in Potomac Park.

The Frosh. had an advantage over the Sophs. in the matter of weight, and after the first two or three minutes there was no doubt as to who would win, although it was fourteen minutes before Henning Nelms, the Sophs' anchor man, went through. Another aid to the Freshmen was the fact that they did not move from their footholds, but remained braced and passed the rope back through their hands, a system for which they must be given due credit.

The most amusing feature of the tug-of-war was the drenching "Cupid" Weinstein received. He was the first man on the Sophomore end of the rope, and just as he was pulled into the water, the Sophs., seeing their danger, pulled back again, and the stream for nearly a minute. The scene rang with the laughter and cheers of the onlookers.

The class scrap was preceded by an inter-fraternity tug between the pledges of Sigma Chi and of Phi Sigma Kappa, in which the Phi Sigs were victorious. This contest was the result of an open challenge issued by the Sigma Chi pledges a week before the event, and which Phi Sigma Kappa was the first to accept. There were six men on each team and the contest lasted four minutes. No water was used in this preliminary because it would have ruined the field for the big event.

After the Freshman-Sophomore tug was over, everyone fell in line behind the victorious Freshmen, who marched lock-step back to the A. & S. building, where all participated in an informal dance held in the Assembly Hall. George Degnan and Harry Woodward alternated at the piano, while Emmett Peterson handled the drums. The hall was packed with a merry crowd, which danced until the closing hour, 11:00.

Several students say that taking the Freshman meeting, the two tugs-of-war and the social gathering altogether, it was the most inspiring display of school spirit they have experienced at George Washington. The events of the evening were the topics of discussion among all of the students the next morning.

The student body owes its thanks to Eugene Underwood of the Student Council for the success of the scrap, for it was he who managed the affair. Thanks are due also to Mr. Watson, chief clerk to the Engineer of the D. C. Fire Department, for he secured the hose and the rope, without which there could have been no tug-of-war.

Victor Kehler and Graeme Smallwood were marshals and they appointed George Nordlinger, John Ernest, Naghi Kahn, Alvin Biggs, Henry Ravenel and Heman Ward to act as assistants. They saw that everything about the tug was fair and kept the crowd out of the way.

## CHAPEL BOOMS

Dr. L. H. Waring gave a brief but very interesting address at the chapel exercises on Wednesday, October 31, in commemoration of the four hundred anniversary of the Reformation.

Chapel on Monday was conducted by Miss Sarah Meul, and today will be by Professor DeWitt C. Croissant. He will tell the story of "Our Lady's blower," a medieval French religious dance.

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## WITH THE GREEKS

## PHI SIGMA KAPPA

Phi Sigma Kappa announces the initiation of the following: John E. Wright, Chicago; J. L. Marks, Napoleonville, La.; Henry Robey, Maryland; Charles Huff, Iowa; Albert Hince, Long Island; M. Wisehardt, Chicago; Walter McCrea, Chevy Chase, Md.; James Hornaday, Alvin Birch, M. Tonkin, Ernest Clifford, George Thompson, Edward Pardoe, and Donald Smith, all of Washington.

There was much amusement for all concerned at the Chapter House Thursday evening, October 25. Brothers from Columbia, University of Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, University of Virginia, Lehigh, Yale, Boston Tech. and George Washington made merry.

The tug-of-war between Phi Sigma Kappa and Sigma Chi pledges was a great success last Friday and the towels brought along at the suggestion of Sigma Chi were kindly loaned to them at the end of the tug of war. A dance is on the program for November 20.

Brother "Chir" Barton, from Columbia, is stationed at Fort Myer in the Quartermaster Corps and frequently visits Lambda Chapter.

Brother Albert Kenner has received his commission as major in the Regular Army Medical Corps and is now in France with the 26th Infantry.

Brother Wm. T. Davis has been commissioned a major in the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps.

## SIGMA CHI

We are glad to announce the pledging of Dean Davis, C. C. '19, and George W. English, C. C. '21.

Old Doc Collins is back with us again in the Medical School after a long period of procrastination.

Phi Delta Phi will hold their first smoker of this year at our house this evening.

Our pledges lost the tug-of-war to Phi Sigma Kappa last Friday. They had the same luck with the mountain that Mohammed did.

Tomorrow night the chapter house will be the scene of our annual Halloween dance. Brother DeWitt C. Croissant and Mrs. Croissant will chaperone.

## KAPPA ALPHA

A very important meeting of the prominent alumni was held at the chapter house, 1808 Kalorama Road, last week.

Alumni and active members of Kappa Alpha resident in Washington are arranging to have all military K. A. s provided for at Thanksgiving.

A large military The Dansant will be given on Saturday, November 10, from 3:30 to 7:30, in the afternoon, in honor of the Kappa Alphas encamped at Fort Myer, Quantico, Belvoir, Va., and the American University Campus. Sorority girls will be asked to assist in their entertainment at the chapter house.

Mr. Pierce of the Law School was pledged last week.

Lieut. Ayres, now stationed at Belvoir, Va., who has recently become a "Benedict," was a visitor last week.

## SIGMA NU

H. F. Enlows has taken up Red Cross work, Field Service, and left Sunday, the 28th, for Seattle, Wash., where he will join Leslie W. Getchell, who is engaged in the same work.

Robert P. Schmehl, who was taken to the Walter Reed Hospital last Sunday, is reported as slightly improved.

Lieut. R. V. West, U. S. Medical Corps, visited the house Sunday while in Washington waiting for orders.

At the Freshman Engineering election Friday, the 26th, the following officers were won by Sigma Nus:

President—Lee A. Swem, '21.  
Secretary—Chamberlain, '21.  
Editor-in-chief, Tibbitts, '21.

## SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

At the tea given last Sunday afternoon we were honored by the presence of Brothers Breckinridge and Jones, lieutenants of the Marine Corps, stationed at Quantico, who obtained a short furlough in order to pay a hurried visit to the local chapter.

Bro. Marshall Johnson has enlisted in the Ordnance Department with the rank of corporal. Bro. Johnson was a letter man of last year's track team.

## SIGMA PHI EPSILON

Sigma Phi Epsilon held its last smoker of the season Saturday night, the festivities being considerably enlivened by the performances of an imitation Myers-Davis orchestra, Brother Bowen, Hunnicut and pledge Ruck playing the leading roles as pianist, violinist and clarinetist respectively. Brother Rooney from the Patrick Henry state showed himself an accomplished artist in the field of oratory.

Lieut. Hyde stopped off to attend the smoker on his way from Gettysburg to a southern encampment and gave some interesting anecdotes of life with the regulars.

## THETA DELTA CHI

Mr. Lippitt, Architecture '19, was pledged last Saturday at the very enjoyable rush smoker held at the Charge house.

The annual Halloween dance given in honor of the pledges will be held tonight.

Robert Ash, '18, has returned to the Law School and will once more be active in the Charge.

Capt. Parks, Gamma Deut (University of Michigan) visited the Charge last Sunday.

Brother Crowell, a graduate of Lehigh University, has taken up his residence at the Charge house.

## KAPPA PSI

Bros Martin and Rhodes from Columbia University visited the local chapter last week.

No news from Bros. Vestal and Reed lead us to believe they have "left" for "somewhere—too—near—for—the—Germans."

Kappa Psi held a "formal pledging," Tuesday night.

Bro. Pitt spent the week-end visiting the Jefferson chapter in Philadelphia.

Bro. Ralph Davis has been commissioned as 1st Lieut. in the U. S. A. Medical corps.

## SIGMA KAPPA

Miss Russell and Miss Butler, friends of Miss Rachel Benfer, were the guests of the chapter at supper Monday, October 22.

Zeta Chapter will be entertained at a masquerade dance given by Miss Mary Newcomb at her home, Saturday, November 3.

Miss Annie Cardwell was one of the house party from October 21 to October 24 for the wedding of her cousin, Miss Gracie Stevens, at Danville, Va.

Mrs. Elydia Shipman of Alpha Chapter, who last year affiliated with Zeta Chapter, has returned to Washington to spend the winter.

Misses Meta Newman, Emma Kinne and Yetta Brez were the guests of Rho Chapter at Randolph Macon Woman's College from Friday, October 26, to Sunday, October 28. While there they attended the initiation of the Rho girls.

## PHI ALPHA

A very pleasing rush smoker was held by the Gamma Chapter at the Fraternity house on the evening of October 23. Among those present were Brothers Lemler and Levin of the Baltimore Beta Chapter, who paid Washington a visit that day.

Brother Hymen Popkin appeared at the Dental College last Friday evening, full of vim and vigor. Apparently his sojourn at Camp Meade improved his physical condition.

## KAPPA SIGMA

Howard H. Martin, who was elected managing editor of the University Hatchet in the spring, and who was forced to resign during the summer when he was called into active service from the Engineer Enlisted Reserve Corps, has been ordered to join Company C, Third Battalion, of the Twentieth Engineers stationed in this city. He has been able to see a few of his friends about the University when he was on leave from camp.

## CHI OMEGA

The active chapter showed their patriotism by buying a Liberty Bond. The Alumnae will entertain the active chapter at a dinner party Saturday, November 3.

Miss Florence Scott, Zeta Chapter, University of Colorado, was entertained at supper in the room last Monday night.

## PHI CHI

Saturday, October 20, Phi Chi initiated Newcomer, of the Junior class, Hayes and Hollingsworth, of the Sophomore class, and Reed, Gates and Dean of the Freshman class.

Phi Chi will give a dance to the initiates next Saturday night.

## DO YOU "UKULELE"?

Ho yea! Ukulele virtuosos draw nigh! All ye children of Orpheus, skilled on that most melodious of instruments, the ukulele, are urged to present their names to Charlotte Stimpson, '19, or Adrienne Shreve, '21, by Wednesday, the 7th. On Thursday, the 8th, at 12:15, the George Washington Ukulele Club, the dream of Hawaii, will assemble on the front steps before the meeting. Come one, come all and bring ukuleles, grass skirts and pep.

COLUMBIAN DEBATES  
(Continued from Page 1.)

The Society will meet tonight at the Law School to debate the question: Resolved: That all monies for the expenses of the present war shall hereafter be raised by taxation instead of by loans. The affirmative will be maintained by Harry Perlin, G. V. Weikert, and Cleveland Cabler while the negative will be upheld by C. A. Miller, L. A. Kendall and E. W. Dieserud.

As a result of a recent campaign to increase the membership of the Society the names of four new members have been added to the rolls.

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**The Pledges**

Everyone cannot fight nor is everyone in a position to contribute financially to help bring this war to a close. However those who cannot fight or who have no surplus finances should be anxious to grasp the first opportunity presented to do their bit for their country. Those who are fortunate enough to be getting a college education, something that everyone does not have, should be the leaders in realizing and grasping their opportunities.

An opportunity is now presented to the students in this University and other universities in the pledges proposed for non-combatants by the President of the National Education Association, which are printed in this issue. President Stockton has especially commended these pledges to the George Washington students as patriotic obligations for them to assume during this war.

They do not involve much sacrifice. None compared to the sacrifices being made every day by patriotic Americans who have gone into some form of active service. They are in the most part obligations that a student should take upon himself because of benefit derived from them.

Read these pledges carefully. Assume them as your patriotic duty. When you have done this you can feel that you are doing something for your country and are helping patriotic students of G. W. who have given up their studies, pleasures, and comforts to fight for the United States.

Two orphans and nearly two thousand adopted parents! Do you know that not one of those parents has given anything toward the Christmas fund that the Hatchet is trying to raise for them? You will say that this is no time to spend money on Christmas gifts. We are not going to send Jean and Yvonne toys but we do want to send twenty dollars to their mother to buy whatever they need most. If each one of you who reads this will send ten cents to the Hatchet we will soon have enough to give our orphans a few of the things which we consider necessities but which to them will be luxuries. Don't you want to feel that you have had a share in making their Christmas a happy one?

G. W. wants and needs a band. It was sorely missed last Friday night when the Freshmen marched in triumph back to the A. & S. building from the tug of war.

Last year our band was always in evidence at any University affair. Music was furnished for the track meet at convention hall, at all dramatic productions, basket ball games, and the band marched at the head of the students on Thanksgiving day when the football team met Georgetown's aggregation.

This year we are to have basket ball games and the Players are planning for a busy season. Are we not to have music furnished by our own students to help make these events a success? Are we not to have the privilege of

telling students of other Universities that we have a G. W. band?

You students who are musicians get together and fill up the gap. Do it now. Send in your names to the Hatchet and we will try to help in your organization.

Note.—The cut that appeared last issue advertising the Liberty Loan was very kindly loaned to the Hatchet by the Washington Star.

**A MARSHAL'S EXPERIENCE AT THE CLASS SCRAP**

Being hauled out of a very comfortable existence in the men's smoking room and going at least seven miles after some rope and hose.

Wrestling with at least three miles of rope weighing at least five tons until in the conveyance, also adding a few hundred feet of heavy hose, nozzle, etc., at the end of the trip again doing a juggling act with said articles at the scene of the "Bath."

Traveling uptown to grab a hurried bite at a nearby "Greek" joint so as to be there at the scene of trouble at least an hour before time.

Waiting for the teams to come and in the meantime acting as a bureau of information, etc.

Acting as announcer, policeman, coach, and general nuisance in every way and incidentally getting wetter and dirtier than any of the combatants.

Rolling up and taking care of the said seven tons of rope, now nice and clean, after all of the spectators and lights are gone; in the process getting dirtier and wetter than before, falling over young rocks, water plugs, etc., finally giving it up as a bad job and resolving to get up in the morning and do it.

Hearing the old alarm clock go off at 5 A. M. and saying "() % @ + etc., finally arising in the dark and arousing the rest of the crew and starting for the scene of the fray.

Borrowing a quart or so of milk to take the place of the breakfast that may never be.

Again wrestling with the said ten tons of rope, still wet and carrying it the aforementioned twenty miles to the owner.

Awakening a sleepy fireman to return said rope, fifteen tons in weight. Returning to school in time for the 9:15 class.

Doing something for G. W. U. Seeing the best Class Scrap ever pulled off.

Seeing the first sunrise in many a long day, due to the early arising. Getting one's name in the Hatchet.

**MY IMPRESSIONS OF OCCOQUAN**

Note.—This article was written by Miss Edna Dixon, a student in this University, who was arrested with other pickets working for Woman Suffrage. She was released five days early for good behavior.

My memory of Occoquan has by this time resolved itself into a series of vivid and significant impressions.

First I remember the tedious wait in the court room before the trial. There was a great hum and stir while one voice kept repeating formulae in a singsong undertone and another one promptly concluded each case with a businesslike "sixty days" or "six months."

At last our turn came and quickly ended with "thirty days for obstructing traffic."

Next we found ourselves in the Black Maria bumping over cobblestones. There were ten of us packed together. A colored girl with popping eyes and distended lips kept saying, "Oh Gawd, Oh Gawd, I wisht I was dead. You ever been down to dis place? Oh Lawdy." No, but we soon were.

Supper consisted of soup (the prisoners said it was hop liquor) a thick slice of unbuttered bread and a cup of water. One could have plenty of bread though. Colored women carried great wicker baskets of it and handed it out to those who raised their hand. The prisoners could never talk in the dining-room or in the dormitories.

After supper the prisoners sat in a line around the sides of the "recreation room." An old timer came over to talk to us. The matron sent her back to her chair and told her to keep quiet. "I was jes trying to have a little fun," said the woman. "This is not the place for fun," replied the matron.

The next day was Sunday and we sat from eight in the morning to eight at night in the "Grove." From time to time we got up and moved our chairs to escape the hot sun. Once I got up and walked up and down several paces. The matron told me I must stop. She could not keep track of us unless we kept still.

In the afternoon, one of us asked if we might get a book from the recreation room. The matron was sorry but we were not allowed in the recreation

**CALENDAR**

Friday, November 2.  
Spanish Club Meets.  
Columbian Debating Society Meets.  
Tuesday, November 6.  
Girls' Basket Ball Supper.  
Wednesday, November 7.  
G. W. U. Players Meet.  
Thursday, November 8.  
Ukulele Club Meets.

room and she could not send for one. Toward evening the colored girls began to get restless. They talked in loud voices and called each other names that we had never heard before. The matron warned them of the "booby house." Some of them quieted down and some began to call her names.

Two visits we received were of special interest. As soon as we were jailed a Congressman, the newest and youngest man in the House, called on us. He was indignant at our treatment and arrest and had introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives to investigate the mobbing of women in front of the White House. I hope his fine honesty and enthusiasm won't be spoiled in Congress. The other visit was from a prominent Democratic Senator. He came to tell us that we would be pardoned if we promised not to picket again. But you see we could not consent. In the first place we were not arrested for picketing. The judge said that picketing had nothing to do with the case. Even the President has said we were within our constitutional rights of peaceful petition when we picketed. We were arrested for "obstructing traffic." We could not make a bargain to give up one of the few rights women have already for a few days of partial liberty outside the workhouse.

**"OVER THERE"**

Word has been received of the safe arrival "over there" of Lieutenants George Cooper and Elmer Gates, both students of George Washington two years ago. In company with three other voyage companions, they occupy a house together while attending a Heavy Artillery School "somewhere" in France. Lieutenant Cooper expressed a desire to hear from his

friends at George Washington; so do write and add a few moments of cheer to the life of one of our boys in France. Lieutenant Gates can be reached at the same address.

LIEUTENANT —, U. S. R.,  
Heavy Artillery School,  
A. P. O. 707,  
France (via New York).

"Just a line from France to tell you that I got there, after all. The trip was without mishap. Find things very interesting. Have not as yet met any George Washington men. Have a Hatchet sent me. What news at the school?"

Regards,  
SERGT. PHILIP ESHLER,  
Headquarters A. E. F., Ordnance,  
U. S. Military Post Office No. 6,  
France (via New York).

We are expecting news from Sergeant Paul Vestal, Medical '20, and Fred C. Reed, Medical '21, who sailed on the same expedition about two weeks ago to do hospital work in the Balkans.

Address:  
165th Field Hospital,  
117th Sanitary Train,  
42nd Division,  
Foreign Service (via New York).  
Russell L. Duval, Columbian College, '18, has arrived safely in France.

**A FROSH'S NIGHT**

Shades pulled low. Table drawn close to comfortable old davenport; student's lamp lighting up text-books, papers, and pens thereon. Soft, downy pillows and—otherwise, including the service pillow from the bed, and the one your girl made out of the rugs she got from saving up cigarette coupons, piled around in case of sudden exhaustion. Glass of water handy, also half-emptied box of Omars. Hows that for background?

Now for the personal touch. Anxious-looking Freshman stretched all the full, bony length of him on the davenport; No. 9s playfully musing up cigarette coupon pillow. Hair rumpled. Brow corrugated with deep thought? wrinkles. Hands nervously clutching French book. Wreck of a pencil being chewed to a finish between tensely set jaw. Wheels going round inside of brain (process invisible) in effort to digest subject matter in preparation for final on the morrow.

Complications set in. Trample of feet on stairs. Loud noises in hall. Rattling of door knob. Worried look deepens on Freshman's lean and hungry-looking face. Sudden influx of boyish forms. Equally sudden interruption of brain processes in Freshman's ordinarily perfectly workable brain. Plunk, plunk of banjo.

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Much cigaret smoke. Boistrous laughter. Argumentation, slang and idle chatter. Culmination—rough house!

Crisis.  
French book dropped and recovered three times. Remains of chewed pencil dropped back of lounge to keep company with a couple of apple cores, one cigaret butt, an old shoe, a once elusive cuff link, a Latin grammar whose disappearance had occasioned the purchase of a new one, and a brand new tie that had mysteriously disappeared the preceding Sunday. Agonized glances at cause of disturbance. Desperate effort to disperse disturbance. Indecision between duty and pleasure. Defeat met and acknowledged. French book joins lost Latin grammar and other articles. Exit Freshman—also general disturbance. Quiet reigns supreme.  
Another little tragedy in the life of a Freshman ended.

**GIRLS' BASKET BALL SUPPER**

A fifteen-cent supper will be given for basketball girls Tuesday evening, November 6, in the Women's Rooms at 2027 G Street. This was the decision of the girls who met at the Calvary Church, 14th and Columbia Road, last Tuesday night.

Every girl who wants to attend this meeting will sign her name to a list which will be posted on the bulletin board in the Arts and Science Building and pay her fifteen cents to Martha Magrew or Ella Gardner, who have charge of preparing the supper.

After the supper the girls will be taken in automobiles to Calvary Church in order that all girls may know where practices will be held.

At the meeting last Tuesday night managers for each class were appointed and they are to get as many girls as possible to attend the supper. The managers are: Seniors, Elizabeth Davis and Ella Gardner; Juniors, Martha Magrew; Sophomores, Anne Mitchell, and for the Freshmen, Polly Voorhees and Vera Goddard.

**TO THE FRESHMEN OF THE ENGINEERING COLLEGE**

Now that we have elected an excellent set of officers and have helped to win the class scrap, it is up to keep up the spirit we have thus far shown. We may do this by supporting the activities of the school as a whole, by supporting class activities and, last but not least, by making a good scholastic record. By doing these things, we shall live up to the traditions of George Washington and thereby make a reputation for the class and uphold the reputation of the school. There is one activity that we all should support if we can support nothing else. That is the Engineering Society. Besides supporting school activities by joining it, we shall help ourselves by hearing talks on interesting engineering subjects by men who know. Remember that an organization is never stronger than its weakest member, so everyone must strive to do his best not to be the weak one.

THOMAS F. STEWART,  
Engineering College '21.

**ARE YOU A SLACKER**

There are many things to do, If your patriotism's true, If you're American all thru, You all know it. Join the army, go and fight, Buy a liberty bond tonight, There's a rigid line of right, We all toe it.

But you students here at U There are things for you to do, Help from every student true, Do your share. Support the school in every way, Do your duty every day, When she asks your help, obey, Be right there.

Do you get a Hatchet every week Voluntary tax?—now, speak. Basket ball your aid does seek, Do you back her. Dramatics need you if you act, Enosian, too, now that's a fact, Ways to help there are no lack, Are you a slacker?

ELSIE GREENE.